

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY  
MINUTES  
October 8, 2013**

The Board Meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive Frankfort, Kentucky on October 8, 2013.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Anne Olson, Chair, Audiologist  
Lynda Bracken, Citizen at Large  
Robin Harris, SLP  
Richard Dressler, SLP  
George Purvis, Audiologist  
Deanna L. Frazier, Audiologist

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jan J. Weisberg, Otolaryngologist

**MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED:**

SLP from school setting

**OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF**

Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator  
Justin, Turner, IT

**BOARD ATTORNEY**

Michael West

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**Call to Order**

Chair Anne Olson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Richard Dressler to approve the minutes of September 10, 2013 as submitted. The motion was seconded by George Purvis. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Monthly Financial Report**

The FY14 Monthly Financial Report for July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 was reviewed. Marcia Egbert reported to the Board that the Worker's Comp expenditure that was questioned at the last meeting was for the Board members in case they were to get hurt. No further action taken.

**Licensure Status Report**

The Licensure Status Report was reviewed by the Board. The question as to whether we needed to maintain the terminated licenses on the database was discussed. After discussion with Justin Turner, he will file all the terminated licensees in an Archive. They will no longer be reported on the Licensure Status Report. No further action was taken.

**O&P Report**

Marcia Egbert reported the following:

**Executive Director**

Matt Osborne was offered a position with AT&T and after much consideration and discussion with his family; he decided to accept the offer and began on October 1. Before leaving he stated: "I have certainly enjoyed my time at O&P and feel that we have had a very

progressive 3 months together. I would like to thank all Board Chairs, Board Members, Board Attorneys, and most importantly, all employees of O&P for your support and friendship.” Gordon Slone will become Executive Director on October 16. Gordon currently serves as an attorney for the Public Protection Cabinet and has a wealth of knowledge and experience from state and federal government. Gordon has visited the office and a transition plan is already in place. Please welcome Gordon as the Executive Director!

### **Budget**

The biennial budget process has begun and O&P will need full cooperation to assure that all needs are met throughout the process. More updates will be available as the state budget has a little more clarity.

### **Database**

The Commonwealth Office of Technology has put together a dedicated team to oversee the construction of the database project and have been to the office multiple times to research the current system and forms. They have indicated that they should be able to meet an end of the year deadline for the front end interface. Board Administrators have been meeting with them regarding the renewal process and the applications for each board. Over the next two months, O&P hopes to have the project manager, or a member of the team, visit with each board for a more substantial update.

AS A NOTE: O&P MAY ASK BOARDS TO UPDATE REGULATIONS TO BE ABLE TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR AN ON-LINE APPLICATION PROCESS.

### **KRS 131.1817 – Department of Revenue**

The pension reform bill that passed during the 2013 Regular Session went into effect in July and notices, under the Tax Payer Bill of Rights, have been sent to delinquent taxpayers to let them know that this law passed and because of it, their driver's license or professional license may be revoked. Over the next few months, the Department of Revenue will send additional notices to delinquent tax payers in an effort to collect the due taxes. Matt Osborne has asked, and the Department of Revenue has agreed, to have someone present the law, timeline and intentions to all of the boards that Occupations and Professions provides service to.

### **Website**

The Board has asked Marcia Egbert to submit the Renewal Information Letter and the Ethics information to be added to the website. Justin Turner stated that he would put them on the homepage as NEW INFORMATION as soon as he received them.

### **Wireless Internet**

The necessary hardware is in the process of being installed, and service will be available as soon as possible. This service will be available to all board members on laptops, tablets, and other devices. The Board Administrator will be able to provide the login information before each meeting or committee meeting.

### **Attorney Report**

Michael West had informed the Board that he would be late. Robin Harris reported on the meeting with the Administrative Regulations Review Subcommittee in regard to 201 KAR 17:012; 201 KAR 17:030; 201 KAR17:034 and 201 KAR 17:036 that she and Mr. West attended on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol Annex. She stated that they introduced themselves. There were no questions and they were done.

### **Old Business**

The Frequently Asked Questions that have been completed and approved will be submitted to Justin Turner (IT) and they will be placed on the website homepage.

The Board reviewed the renewal forms that are currently on the website. They are all correct and include all the information required by the Workforce Data Survey Group that is possible to obtain from the current database.

There were a few changes that need to be made on the renewal reminder letter that will go out to those licensees who have not renewed by the deadline of January 31, 2014. Marcia Egbert will make the corrections to the letter and it will be sent to those people the first week of February.

Marcia Egbert reported that the audit renewal forms and notices have been completed and mailed to the licensees that are to be renewed in this renewal cycle. The total of number of renewals sent (including audits) was 1,459.

### **New Business**

The KSHA Ethics Presentation was discussed. Anne Olson informed the Board that the two sessions that the Board is sponsoring for the KSHA Conference will be held March 5, 2013 from 7:00-9:00 pm. And Friday, March 7, 2013 from 1:45-3:45 p.m. The Board discussed speakers and gratuities for them. Ms. Olson said that KSHA will pay half the cost of a speaker. Ms. Olson presented a resume' of Fred Britton to be reviewed by the Board for the speaker of the Ethics session at KSHA. Richard Dressler made a motion to obtain Dr. Britton to speak at the KSHA conference and that the Board would pay up to \$1,000 for his costs to present on Ethics. Deanna Frazier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Olson will contact KSHA and Dr. Britton to confirm.

The Board reviewed an e-mail from Lizellen Snyder with some questions regarding providing Ethics at an upcoming Conference. The Board stated in answer to her questions the following: The training could be done by an AUD or RN; it does not have to be taught by a lawyer; a review of Ethics standards for each field is sufficient; and preferably it would contain examples of ethical and non-ethical behaviors. The Board will review the agenda for further clarification if needed.

The 2014 SLP Certification Standards were reviewed and discussed. The Board is aware of the changes and will not need to change any of the language in their regulations.

The meeting dates for the 2014 Board meetings were discussed. The Board would like to

keep their meeting dates as the second Tuesday of each month except for the month of February. They would like to have the February meeting on the first Tuesday of February so that they can review renewals. They would also like to add a date in January to review audited renewals. They would like to add January 31, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Egbert will put these dates on the Master Calendar of O&P.

Deanna Frazier was asked to bring to the attention of the Board that two businesses were listed under Audiology in the Yellow Pages of the phone book but do not have an audiologist on staff. Michael West stated that he thought it needed investigating but that the person that asked Ms. Frazier would need to make a formal complaint before we could really do anything.

Richard Dressler asked for the board's opinion regarding the recent changes in the eligibility for Kentucky Teacher Certification for SLPs working in the schools. The new requirements for eligibility for teacher certification are being reviewed and discussed by the academic programs in the state (Murray, ECU, WKU, UK and UL). There is a recommendation to make the state license be the only requirement for SLPs to work in the schools. The board discussed the matter. Overall this seems feasible with minimal impact to SLP's already in the schools. Present SLPs with KY Licensure would remain as such and SLP's with teacher certification and no licensure could continue to practice in this manner. However, there was concern about the potential effect such a change might have on SLP's salary if they were not teacher certified. The board ultimately does not have jurisdiction over Kentucky's Educational Board for Standards and Practices.

### **Complaint Committee Report**

The Complaint Committee made the following recommendations for the Board's approval:

- a. 2013-002 – Ongoing
- b. 2013-003 – Ongoing
- c. 2013-004 – Agreed Order
- d. 2013-005 – Ongoing
- e. 2013-006 – Ongoing

Richard Dressler made a motion to approve the agreed order and accept the Complaint Committees recommendations. Robin Harris seconded the motion. After discussion of how disciplinary actions are handled on different levels of licensure and how they are posted on the database and for how long, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board asked that Ms. Egbert post all disciplinary actions on the website. Ms. Egbert stated that some were on there and that at one point the IT person at the O&P office was entering these on the website. When that person left the office, that procedure fell through the cracks. Ms. Egbert will update the website as soon as possible.

### **Application Review**

The Applications Review Committee met at 10:00 a.m. Richard Dressler made a motion, seconded by George Purvis to approve recommendations made from today's committee meeting of the following applicants in the appropriate areas. The motion carried unanimously.

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – *Alexandra Hammond, Sarah McCall Martin, Allison L. Maxey, Jamie Lynn Priddy, Allison Wahl*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – CHANGE IN SUPERVISION/PPE – *Sondi Barnett, Michael Shane Hall*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM – EXTENSION REQUEST – *Micha Lachole Hobbs, Ryan Husak, Melanie Petrushko, Terri Simpson-Engram*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – INTERIM – CHANGE IN SUPERVISION/ PPE – *Rebekah Barnard*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT – *Julie A. Nevitt*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – *Rebekah E. Boyd, Brittany Carnes, Rebecca Granger, Debra Carol Johnston, Alison D. Penrod, Johnna Pile, Melanie J. Riedlinger, Jennifer Snider, Larkin A. Wetzel*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY – REINSTATEMENT – *Ruth Elizabeth King*

AUDIOLOGY – *Tamara L. Engels, Sara D. Labhart*

CONTINUING EDUCATION: *Approval of CEU's. The approved CEU's and number of hours will be posted on the Board website at <http://slp.ky.gov> under Resources/Continuing Education.*

### **Travel and Per Diem**

George Purvis made a motion to approve payment of travel expenses and per diem compensation to eligible members in attendance at today's meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Dressler. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on November 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Occupations and Professions Office, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601.

### **Adjournment**

The Board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Anne Olson at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marcia Egbert

October – Letter on Ethics Requirements for Renewal and Renewal Notices - DONE

November – E-Mail Reminder for Renewal

December – Postcard Reminder

January 2, 2014 – Letter to those that have not renewed

February – Letter to those that failed to renew and are in late status

March – Cease and Desist letters to those that failed to renew